



City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

November 22, 2011

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am transmitting the attached proposed Council Bill, which authorizes an amendment to the existing Conservation Futures Levy (CFL) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Seattle and King County, and authorizes the City to accept up to \$2,805,000 in CFL proceeds.

King County's annual allocations of CFL proceeds, which are funded by a county-wide property tax dedicated to the acquisition of open space, agricultural property, or timberlands, are invaluable in helping the City achieve the goals of the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy (2008 Parks Levy). The 2011 CFL allocations made available by this legislation will be used to help pay for four Urban Village Parks (Lake City, Fremont-Ernst Park Completion, Greenwood/Phinney and Chinatown/International District), and three greenspace acquisitions (Me-Kwa-Mooks Greenspace, Thornton Creek Park #6 and Duwamish Head Greenspace). The Greenwood/Phinney and Chinatown/International District projects are still in negotiation and the others have all been acquired. As a CFL recipient, the City is required to provide at least 50 percent in matching funds. The source of the matching funds for the projects is the 2008 Parks Levy.

This legislation will help the City expand the parks and open spaces that are so highly valued by Seattle residents. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Donald Harris at 684-8018.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council